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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7111

BILL NUMBER: HB 1381

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Academic Helpers Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Thompson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Helpers Enhance Learning Potential Program to provide academic help for public school students in grades 1 through 3. It makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill directs the Department of Education (DOE) to develop and administer the Helpers Enhance Learning Potential (HELP) program that would provide academic assistance to students enrolled in grades 1 to 3. Funds would be appropriated to the Department in order to finance this initiative. The Department, in turn, would award a grant to a school corporation for each of its schools that implements an approved HELP program.

The Department may approve a program that is similar to the HELP program if that program was instituted prior to July 1, 2011. The Department must publish on its website the name and application of each school awarded a grant.

The grant would be computed at a rate of a maximum of \$2 for each student in grades 1 to 3 in an eligible school. For 2009-2010 school year there were approximately 241,250 students enrolled in grades 1 to 3. The maximum total award for that school year would have been approximately \$482,500.

The bill appropriates funds sufficient to implement this program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: School corporations implementing the HELP program would be awarded a grant by the DOE for each school in the program. In 2010, the total award would have been approximately \$482,500.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education website, <http://www.doe.in.gov/data/>.

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